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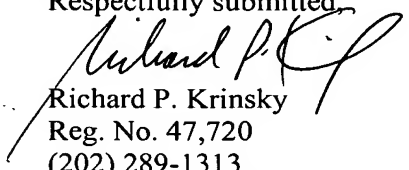
1. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Requirements.
2. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page).
3. The executed Assignment with cover sheet (3 pages).
4. Submission of Priority Document.
5. Petition for one month Extension of Time.
6. The following fees: \$130.00 for filing the missing Declaration; \$120.00 for Extension of Time and \$40.00 for recording the Assignment.
7. Copy of Preliminary Amendment, filed September 23, 2005 (see below).

In response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office's request for payment of additional claim fees regarding multiple dependent claims, as stated in the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed to us on September 27, 2006, please refer to the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 23, 2005, wherein the multiple dependencies of claims 5 and 6 were amended. A copy of the amended claims, as filed on September 23, 2005, is included in the Preliminary Amendment. Therefore, Applicant submits that there are no multiple dependent claims in this application and the request for payment is improper.

Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Account No. 02-1010 (566/44299).

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Petitioners, Applicants in the above-identified application, hereby request that the time for responding to the outstanding Office Communication, dated September 27, 2006 be extended for one (1) month pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

As required, the fee of **\$120.00** specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a one-month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Account Number 02-1010 (566/44299).

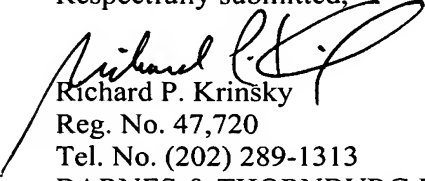
The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of this document is respectfully requested.

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/23/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/23/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/23/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 09/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/23/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of **\$360** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$490** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$ 360**
  - **\$360** for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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